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05-00228 - M E M O R A N D U M for R E C O R D

RE: Petition of Budget Phone, Inc. For Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, Docket No. 05-00228.

On review of Budget Phone's *Petition* a question arose concerning current offerings of Lifeline services in any of the UNE Zones that Budget Phone is operating in. Current offerings of Lifeline did not appear to be addressed in Budget Phone's *Petition*, but since it had offered a proposed tariff to be filed if its *Petition* is approved, Staff made a telephonic request for verification of offerings of Lifeline services on October 25, 2005.

During the telephone conversations, Budget Phone responded that it is not offering Lifeline services at this time; however, it stated that it would offer Lifeline services in all three UNE Zones if it is designated as an ETC.

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